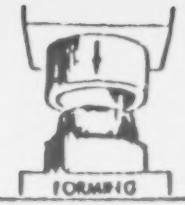

INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
METAL FORMING TYPE MACHINE TOOLS
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog
(Millions of Dollars)

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985	$ 610.00	$ 65.00	$ 675.00	414.25	$ 742.95	$ 60.00	$ 802.95
1986							
JAN	$ 50.20	$ 5.55	$ 55.75	415.65	$ 50.80	$ 3.55	$ 54.35
FEB (P)	$ 38.10	$ 4.20	$ 42.30	379.35	$ 76.00	$ 2.60	$ 78.60
2 MONTHS	$ 88.30	$ 9.75	$ 98.05		$ 126.80	$ 6.15	$ 132.95

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985	$ 664.10	$ 69.20	$ 733.30	$ 54.10	$ 4.20	$ 58.30
1986						
JAN	$ 51.35	$ 5.75	$ 57.10	$ 1.15	$ .20	$ 1.35
FEB (P)	$ 49.95	$ 4.35	$ 54.30	$ 11.85	$ .15	$ 12.00
2 MONTHS	$ 101.30	$ 10.10	$ 111.40	$ 13.00	$ .35	$ 13.35

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News Release

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MACHINE TOOL ORDERS RISE SLIGHTLY IN MARCH

The National Machine Tool Builders' Association reported today that net March orders for new machine tools rose 2.1% over February to $214.75 million, but declined 23.1% compared to March a year ago. At $615.90 million, year-to-date new order figures were down 15.4% compared to the first quarter of 1985.

"The continuing sluggishness in the new order picture is a serious concern to us," observed James A. Gray, president of the National Machine Tool Builders' Association. "America's manufacturing industries have taken their lumps over the past 10 years because of the high value of the dollar, and the machine tool industry has suffered along with them. With the dollar situation now being reversed, we had hoped to see a rekindling of investment by domestic industry. However, the specter of 'tax reform' looms large over manufacturing. Every day we hear that money is available for capital improvement, but that purchase plans can't be finalized until the tax and economic situation becomes clearer. This Washington-induced wait-and-see attitude is costing our industry dearly."

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With net new order of $55.05 million, metal forming new orders were up 31.7% over February. This represents a rise of 5.3% over March a year ago. Shipments of metal forming equipment were 13.0% over March a year ago. Year-to-date shipments stood at $210.70 million, 20.6% above the figure for the same period in 1985.

Metal cutting machine tool orders totaled $159.70 million for March, a 5.3% drop from their February level, and a 29.6% drop from March a year ago. Year-to-date figures were off 12.3%. Metal cutting shipments rose to $171.60 million in March, an increase of 38.5% for the month. Year-to-date metal cutting shipments were up 8.4%.

With shipments exceeding orders, the preliminary combined metal cutting and metal forming backlog figure of of $1,675.75 million for March represents a drop from the February figure of $1,710.20 million. At $1,319.60 million the metal cutting backlog is down from $1,331.50 million. The metal forming backlog stands at $356.15 million, down from $378.70 million a month ago.

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COMPARISON CHART

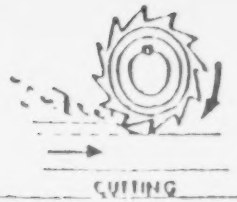
NET NEW ORDERS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Millions of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
MAR 1986	146.10	13.60	159.70	51.10	3.95	55.05	197.20	17.55	214.75
FEB 1986	160.65	7.95	168.60	37.60	4.20	41.80	198.25	12.15	210.40
% CHANGE									
MAR 1986:FEB 1986	-9.1	+71.1	-5.3	+35.9	-6.0	+31.7	-0.5	+44.4	+2.1
MAR 1985	202.70	24.30	227.00	47.05	5.25	52.30	249.75	29.55	279.30
% CHANGE									
MAR 1986:MAR 1985	-27.9	-44.0	-29.6	+8.6	-24.8	+5.3	-21.0	-40.6	-23.1
YEAR TO DATE 1986	431.50	31.80	463.30	138.90	13.70	152.60	570.40	45.50	615.90
YEAR TO DATE 1985	475.50	53.00	528.50	187.75	12.00	199.75	663.25	65.00	728.25
% CHANGE									
1986 : 1985	-9.3	-40.0	-12.3	-26.0	+14.2	-23.6	-14.0	-30.0	-15.4

SHIPMENTS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Millions of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
MAR 1986	148.25	23.35	171.60	71.45	6.15	77.60	219.70	29.50	249.20
FEB 1986	109.50	14.40	123.90	76.15	2.60	78.75	185.65	17.00	202.65
% CHANGE									
MAR 1986:FEB 1986	+35.4	+62.2	+38.5	-6.2	+136.5	-1.5	+18.3	+73.5	+23.0
MAR 1985	140.35	18.65	159.00	64.20	4.45	68.65	204.55	23.10	227.65
% CHANGE									
MAR 1986:MAR 1985	+5.6	+25.2	+7.9	+11.3	+38.2	+13.0	+7.4	+27.7	+9.5
YEAR TO DATE 1986	331.80	55.20	387.00	198.40	12.30	210.70	530.20	67.50	597.70
YEAR TO DATE 1985	319.90	37.15	357.05	162.85	11.80	174.65	482.75	48.95	531.70
% CHANGE									
1986 : 1985	+3.7	+48.6	+8.4	+21.8	+4.2	+20.6	+9.8	+37.9	+12.4

Source: National Machine Tool Builders' Association



TOTAL INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
MACHINE TOOLS - CUTTING AND FORMING
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog
(Millions of Dollars)

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985	$ 2,262.15	$ 265.95	$ 2,528.10	1,657.55	$ 2,291.45	$ 253.75	$ 2,545.20
1986							
JAN	$ 174.95	$ 15.80	$ 190.75	1,702.45	$ 124.85	$ 21.00	$ 145.85
FEB	$ 198.25	$ 12.15	$ 210.40	1,710.20	$ 185.65	$ 17.00	$ 202.65
MAR (P)	$ 197.20	$ 17.55	$ 214.75	1,675.75	$ 219.70	$ 29.50	$ 249.20
3 MONTHS	$ 570.40	$ 45.50	$ 615.90		$ 530.20	$ 67.50	$ 597.70

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985	$ 2,433.30	$ 282.65	$ 2,715.95	$ 171.15	$ 16.70	$ 187.85
1986						
JAN	$ 180.65	$ 17.20	$ 197.85	$ 5.70	$ 1.40	$ 7.10
FEB	$ 214.85	$ 14.65	$ 229.50	$ 16.60	$ 2.50	$ 19.10
MAR (P)	$ 203.50	$ 18.15	$ 221.65	$ 6.30	$ .60	$ 6.90
3 MONTHS	$ 599.00	$ 50.00	$ 649.00	$ 28.60	$ 4.50	$ 33.10

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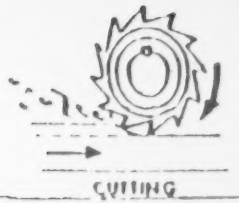

INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
METAL CUTTING TYPE MACHINE TOOLS
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog
(Millions of Dollars)

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985	$ 1,652.15	$ 200.95	$ 1,853.10	1,243.30	$ 1,548.50	$ 193.75	$ 1,742.25
1986							
JAN	$ 124.75	$ 10.25	$ 135.00	1,286.80	$ 74.05	$ 17.45	$ 91.50
FEB	$ 160.65	$ 7.95	$ 168.60	1,331.50	$ 109.50	$ 14.40	$ 123.90
MAR (P)	$ 146.10	$ 13.60	$ 159.70	1,319.60	$ 148.25	$ 23.35	$ 171.60
3 MONTHS	$ 431.50	$ 31.80	$ 463.30		$ 331.80	$ 55.20	$ 387.00

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985	$ 1,769.20	$ 213.45	$ 1,982.65	$ 117.05	$ 12.50	$ 129.55
1986						
JAN	$ 129.30	$ 11.45	$ 140.75	$ 4.55	$ 1.20	$ 5.75
FEB	$ 165.70	$ 9.95	$ 175.65	$ 5.05	$ 2.00	$ 7.05
MAR (P)	$ 150.60	$ 14.05	$ 164.65	$ 4.50	$ .45	$ 4.95
3 MONTHS	$ 445.60	$ 35.45	$ 481.05	$ 14.10	$ 3.65	$ 17.75

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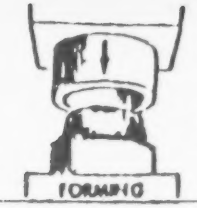

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JAN	$ 50.20	$ 5.55	$ 55.75	415.65	$ 50.80	$ 3.55	$ 54.35
FEB	$ 37.60	$ 4.20	$ 41.80	378.70	$ 76.15	$ 2.60	$ 78.75
MAR (P)	$ 51.10	$ 3.95	$ 55.05	356.15	$ 71.45	$ 6.15	$ 77.60
3 MONTHS	$ 138.90	$ 13.70	$ 152.60		$ 198.40	$ 12.30	$ 210.70

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1986						
JAN	$ 51.35	$ 5.75	$ 57.10	$ 1.15	$ .20	$ 1.35
FEB	$ 49.15	$ 4.70	$ 53.85	$ 11.55	$ .50	$ 12.05
MAR (P)	$ 52.90	$ 4.10	$ 57.00	$ 1.80	$ .15	$ 1.95
3 MONTHS	$ 153.40	$ 14.55	$ 167.95	$ 14.50	$ .85	$ 15.35

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